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1. The CDU members of the German delegation to Moscow, which left Berlin on 2 November 1948, obtained promise of interviews with important Soviet officials. Otto Muschke for example hopes to discuss the future of Soviet Zone economy with Mikoyan.
2. Georg Dertinger intends to persuade the Russians to evacuate Germany next year, if necessary, with the proviso that they return if the other Allies do not also withdraw within a certain time limit. A great effect is expected in the western zones, especially since the French are expected to insist on unwelcome terms in the occupation statute. It is a fatal error for the Anglo-Saxons to believe that the Russian gesture would fail because of the simultaneous establishment of a stooge regime in the Soviet Zone. On the contrary, Dertinger thinks that the Russians would select personnel commanding respect throughout Germany.
3. Dertinger believes that his proposal that Germany be neutralized as a buffer state is likely to be accepted by the Russians.
4. Lt. General Grigori Lukyanchenko is alleged to have hinted to Dr. Helmut Brandt that the Oder-Neisse line might be changed if the German Government were controlled by persons friendly to the USSR. Dertinger remarked that the Russians are now trying to assure leadership by such persons through a merger campaign in the SED, recent reorganizations of the CDU and the LDP, and the formation of new police troops.
5. CDU leaders advise the Western Powers to anticipate Russian propaganda moves by adopting the suggestion ascribed to the London Daily Express: Withdraw troops to the Rhine and assert that evacuation can be only partial as long as Soviet bloc troops are withdrawn only to the Oder and the Neisse. (Comment: This information is forwarded as an illustration of the undying optimism of the CDU in the Soviet Zone.)

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